



Canberra Foundations Collaborative

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A MILLION IN COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH COLLABORATIVE

The Canberra Foundations Collaborative's annual \$1,000,000 grant round was opened today by Hands Across Canberra (which administers the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund), The Snow Foundation, and the John James Foundation.

The three foundations have joined forces again for Canberra's largest charity funding collaborative, to deliver a single grant round and distribute the funds to local for-purpose organisations. They found that through combining their support with a centralised approach they gained a greater understanding of need in the community and a unique position to help facilitate connection and collaboration with people from organisations responding to similar challenges.

To make things even easier this year, the Collaborative is offering community organisations the opportunity to provide a verbal and/or written Expression of Interest. Furthermore, a Grant Writing Seminar and Information Session will be held on Tuesday 28 February, to provide skills for grant applications.

"The true value of this collaboration is the way it will cut through the barriers faced by small organisations when applying for funding. It can too often be a laborious and difficult application process through multiple channels. The raising of funds for many small organisations is prohibitive and we wanted to fix that," Hands Across Canberra CEO Peter Gordon said.

Last year, the collaboration awarded 71 local projects, from a pool of 171 applicants, with a total of almost \$1.5 million in grant funding to support people in the region who were experiencing economic and social disadvantage.

Local charities and for purpose organisations are encouraged to apply for projects that improve health outcomes, engage socially disadvantaged or marginalised community members in Canberra and the nearby region and address systemic disadvantages. As a way of reaching as many organisations as possible grants will generally be in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range with a few up to \$50,000, and a limited number of multi-year agreements for eligible projects.

"In addition to the funding, the Collaborative aims to bring together Canberra's community sector to share experiences, stories and build better relationships," The Snow Foundation CEO, Georgina Byron said. "The Collaborative is planning a series of workshops and some social events to help build connectivity and a shared sense of altruism."

John James Foundation CEO Joe Roff said, "last Christmas we erected a marquee and offered a unique venue free to community groups to hold events as a thank-you to their people. The Canberra

Foundations Collaborative itself held an end-of-year celebration with over 100 people. Connecting and learning from each other in supporting the Canberra community is the Collaborative's purpose."

The Collaborative's grants work to boost community capacity to respond to issues facing the region. They use the findings of the 2021 Vital Signs report, amongst other key indicators across the ACT and surrounds, to ensure the money they jointly grant goes to areas of true need.

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Grant applications, criteria and guidelines and Information on the Grant Writing Seminar can be found at

www.handsacrosscanberra.org.au

www.jjf.org.au

www.snowfoundation.org.au

Expressions of Interest are open from 22 February and close 14 March 2023.

About the Canberra Foundations Collaborative

Hands Across Canberra is an independent philanthropic community foundation, working with more than 300 local community organisations. Funds for this grant round are being provided by *the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund* which is delivered in partnership with Hands Across Canberra. The foundation is currently running the Canberra Day Appeal, all donations to Hands Across Canberra will go to support organisations through grants. To donate to the appeal visit canberraday.org.au and for more information about Hands Across Canberra visit www.handsacrosscanberra.org.au

The Snow Foundation is a family foundation that focuses on supporting the Canberra community and the surrounding region and beyond. They support health, education and employment pathways, economic justice, and safety, with a deep interest in youth at-risk and domestic and family violence. For more information visit www.snowfoundation.org.au

John James Foundation is an independent broad-based healthcare charity providing a range of programs and assistance to the people of Canberra and beyond. Keep up to date on their activities on www.jjf.org.au

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